

**Objective:** To practice encountering and responding to the Sovereign God who saves us from sin and sends us to serve others with the gospel.

**Overview:** Develop 4 spiritual practices, for a month at a time, interwoven into our daily lives

1. [Mar] Prayer & Friendship
2. [Apr] Care & Service
3. [May] Spiritual Conversations
4. [Jun] Encounter God Challenge

### **Details**

1. [Mar] Prayer & Friendship
  - a. Overarching spiritual principle of entire project: John 15:5
  - b. Prayer (Isa 6:5-8)
    - i. Inward Prayer: Personal repentance/cleansing
    - ii. Outward Prayer: Pray for “neighbors” who will receive the gospel
  - c. Build friendships: (Luke 10:7-8)
    - i. Cast net wide, guided by prayer
    - ii. Goal: Get to know well enough that we’re able to share real life/issues/struggles
2. [Apr] 60/60: Acts of Care & Service
  - a. Set alarm during day to chime every 60 mins to stop & engage with God for 60 seconds
    - i. Connect with Jesus (John 15:5): Thank Him for His love, goodness & presence in specific ways.
    - ii. Ask Him to show you His will for this moment, and do it as an act of love & obedience toward Him. Specifically: “Who do You want me to bless today, & how?” (Luke 10:9a)
    - iii. When you bless someone, direct credit to Jesus (for prompting & provision) (Luke 10:9b)
  - b. Goal: Personally living out acts of intentional service as demonstration of Jesus’ love
    - i. Focus: Shaping own heart & lifestyle in daily life (not just one-off event)
3. [May] 5-for-5: Spiritual Conversations
  - a. Learn to have 5 spiritual conversations with non-Christians for 5 minutes each week.
    - i. Goal: Normalizing spiritual conversations about Jesus and His truth.
    - ii. Response lets us know when they’re ready to move to next stage (Luke 10:5-6)
  - b. 3-story evangelism: Sometimes ask questions about their story, share mini-testimonies about my story, connect an issue to God’s story.
  - c. Pray in-person for them and with them
4. [Jun] “Encounter God” Challenge: Invitation to study the Bible (Rom 10:13-15)
  - a. Goal: “More than an intellectual problem... need to encounter Jesus for yourself.”
  - b. Read, take notes, ask questions on gospel of John; meet regularly to discuss
  - c. Caveat & encouragement (Rom 10:16-17): We are responsible for the faithfulness, Jesus is responsible for the fruitfulness

### **Training & Accountability**

1. Meet monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun during CE hour, to discuss what works & doesn’t, pray together
  - a. If enough people sign up, organize “small group” by region for sharing, accountability & prayer
  - b. Will include opportunities to brainstorm together, role play, etc.
2. In-between weeks: Meet 10 mins (before CE hour) to have 1 person share a story or struggle